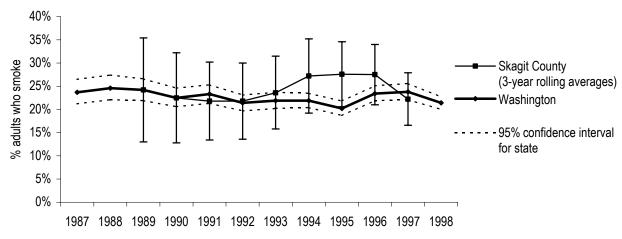
Skagit County Population =104,000 (27% under age 18)

Adult Tobacco Use

Current Cigarette Smoking (1987-1998)

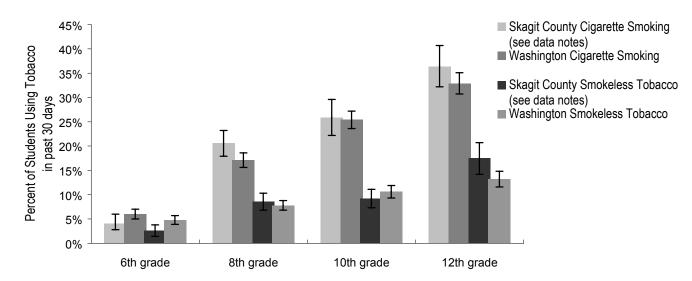


Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (1993-1997)

Entire adult population
Skagit County 4.3% (95%CI:2.3,8.2)
Washington State 2.9% (95%CI:2.5,3.8)

Males only 7.5% (95%CI:3.8,14.7) 5.7% (95%CI:5.0,6.5)

Youth Tobacco Use (1998)



Summary of the problem

- Adult tobacco use is very similar to the state as a whole for both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.
- Youth tobacco use appears varied by age, with 10th and 12th graders in Skagit County being more likely to smoke than youth throughout the state; smokeless tobacco use is also higher than the state among 12th graders. More data collection would be helpful in describing trends in tobacco use among Skagit County youth.
- ☐ Maternal smoking during pregnancy is very similar to the state rate as a whole.
- Retailer compliance is similar to the state as a whole.



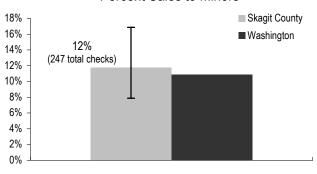
Estimated number of current adult and youth smokers who will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use:6,700

Smoking During Pregnancy (1987-1998)

Skagit County Washington 15% Surgit County Washington

Minors Access to Tobacco (1998-1999)

Percent Sales to Minors



Infants born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy: 200

Number of tobacco retailers in county: 194

Health at Risk (Estimated numbers for county)

Adults who currently smoke	18,700
Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco	2,200
Youth who currently smoke	2,100
Youth who currently use smokeless tobacco	900
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE	170

Current Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Activities Highlights during 1999

- Trained teens as peer educators. These youth reached over 3,000 youth in all 6 school districts within the county.
- ✓ Conducted a youth tobacco summit on tobacco issues for 60 local adults who work with youth.
- Engaged 50 teens in tobacco reduction and cessation classes.

Annual Funding for Program (12-month funding amounts, FY 1999)

Source	Amount	Agency receiving funding
Youth Access (Retailer License Fees)	\$ 13,889	Affiliated Health Services
CDC Grant	\$ 7,075	Affiliated Health Services
Total Per Capita Funding	\$.20	CDC Recommended Community Per Capita Funding: \$.70-2.00

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TECHNICAL NOTES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX B)

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE ARE ESTIMATED AS 19% OF ALL DEATHS (MCGINNIS AND FOEGE 1993); "DUMBBELL" BARS AROUND DATA POINTS FOR SURVEY DATA REPRESENT 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – THE TRUE VALUE MAY BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BARS, BUT MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AT THE DATA POINT; NUMBER OF ADULTS/YOUTH WHO WILL DIE PREMATURELY FROM TOBACCO USE IS ESTIMATED AS 33% OF CURRENT ADULT SMOKERS (MMWR 1996), AND 21% OF CURRENT YOUTH SMOKERS –WHO MAY 'GROW OUT OF' SMOKING BEHAVIOR (USDHHS 1994); "CURRENT ADULT/YOUTH TOBACCO USERS" ARE SYNTHETIC ESTIMATES BASED ON STATEWIDE AGE-SPECIFIC PREVALENCE; FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTIES WERE CALCULATED BASED ON DEDICATED YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUNDS AND CDC FUNDS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COUNTIES MAY SUCCESSFULLY SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL FROM OTHER SOURCES; "HIGHLIGHTS DURING 1999" WERE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL PROGRAM STAFF; "CDC RECOMMENDED FUNDING" IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS (CDC 1999).